(e) whether amounts have been provided in the current year's budget for all the items of work, which were not carried out in 1104 and for which necessary funds had been provided in the budget for 1104; and if not,

(f) what are the items for which allotments have not been made in the current year's budget?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Government do not propose to take such a step.

(b) No orders have been passed calling for the explanations. The other part of the question does not arise.

(c) The remedy should come from within the Panchayats themselves. No special steps have been taken by the Government in the matter nor do they consider it necessary to take any.

(d) It is a laborious task to hunt up all the correspondence. Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by doing so.

(e) The allotments for maintenance of roads and for Chattukulam work in Arthatt Panchayat were included in 1105. Other items were not provided for in 1105 budget.

(f) The Member is referred to the list placed on the Table with reference to answer to question No. 186. All the items except those referred to in question (e) are items for which allotments have not been provided in 1105.

Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

356. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 192 of the Legislative Session, 1105:—

(a) whether the Committee (Town Improvement Committee, Kunnamkulam) cannot be reconstituted selecting new members;

(b) how long the present committee has been in existence?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) This question has not been considered since Kunnamkulam is proposed to be constituted into a minor Municipality.

(b) About 6½ years.

Appointment of Cochinites in British Service.

357. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 209 of the Legislative Session, 1105, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether anything has been done by the Diwan Mr. Narayana Ayyar to persuade the Madras Government to cancel the notification under reference;

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(b) whether any official or non-official had requested the Government to do so; and if so,

(c) what is the reason for not complying with the above request ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government did not consider that there was proper ground to comply with the request.

Opening of a road through Panangai lane.

358. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1927, Dis. 166/D/1103 and state:—

(b) whether this item of work has been executed; and if not,

(c) what is the reason for not executing it till now;

(d) whether the funds at the disposal of the Government will not be enough for the execution of the above work;

(e) whether this item of work sanctioned by the Government will be completed this year, and if not, at least next year ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings is placed on the Council Table.

(b) No.

(c) Proportionately high cost and want of funds.

(d) More than enough if this were the only work Government have to attend to.

(e) Government regret that no assurance can be given.

Provident Fund.

359. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what is the percentage of interest that is being given to the Provident Fund subscribers;

(b) whether a copy of the rules governing the Provident Fund be placed on the Table;

(c) whether the subscribers of the Provident Fund will be given loans from their contributions to the fund; and if so,

(d) what interest will be charged ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Compound interest at rates varying in accordance with the actual interest the investments of the Provident Fund moneys bear from time to time subject to a minimum of 4 per cent.

(b) A copy is placed on the Council Table.

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